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CONVICTED FELON ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **CHRISTOPHER J. SHRADER**, age 49, of 3604 Rosemont Court, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **pled guilty** to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by a person who is an unlawful user of and addicted to methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Shrader admitted that on December 10, 2004, he knowingly possessed a .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol and a .32 caliber revolver in Hardin County, Kentucky. Shrader also admitted that at the time he possessed the firearms, he had been convicted previously of felony charges contained in three separate indictments in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and that he was an unlawful user of and addicted to methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

The maximum potential penalties are not less than 15 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and 5 years supervised release.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and was investigated by the Elizabethtown Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The plea was entered before Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Shrader is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Coffman on November 10, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets firearms offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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